

# Quick Start Guide

A simple getting-started guide for digital cookie cutter STL files. This guide is intentionally general so it works across different printers, slicers, and model packs.

## What this file is for

Use this guide as a simple first-run checklist after downloading your STL files. It helps buyers open the files, confirm scale, slice the model, and avoid the most common beginner mistakes.

## 1) Download and organize your files

- Download your files from Etsy and save them in a folder you can find easily.
- Keep the STL files together with any bonus files such as recipe cards, care cards, or printing notes.
- Do not rename files until you have confirmed which design is which.

## 2) Open the STL in your slicer

- Import the STL into your preferred slicer software.
- Check that the model sits flat on the build plate and looks complete in preview.
- Confirm the size before slicing. Resize only if you understand how it will affect the final cookie size and dough handling.

## 3) Pre-print checklist

- Use a well-calibrated printer with a clean build plate.
- Make sure your first layer is consistent before starting long runs.
- Preview the sliced model and look for missing thin walls, odd gaps, or scaling mistakes.
- When testing a new design, print one sample first instead of printing a full batch right away.

## 4) General printing tips

- Printer, material, nozzle size, and slicer settings all affect the result.
- A clean first layer and stable extrusion usually matter more than rushing the print.
- If the edge quality matters to you, slower outer walls can improve surface finish on many printers.
- Check final scale again before pressing print, especially if you work with multiple cookie sizes.

## Important note

These files are digital downloads, not physical products. Results can vary by machine, material, calibration, and slicer profile. Start with a test print whenever possible.

## 5) After printing

- Inspect the print for rough edges, weak areas, or incomplete lines before using it.
- Wash by hand only unless you have your own proven workflow for different materials.

- Keep printed cutters away from high heat and direct dishwasher cycles, which can warp many common materials.

### **Need help?**

If a file appears incomplete, does not open properly, or you think you received the wrong design, contact the shop with your order details and a screenshot of the issue.